

CHC81115 Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution (FDR)



Take the first step towards a new career in FDR and make a difference in the lives of families. Apply today and start in 2025.

Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) Practitioners (FDRPs) provide a structured and facilitated mediation process that assists families experiencing separation to resolve disputes about parenting, financial and property matters.

FDRPs provide information and undertake intake and assessment around FDR suitability and the capacity of families to participate. They manage and adapt the FDR process to meet individual needs.

FDRPs make a real difference in assisting families to manage conflict and make decisions in a timely and affordable way.

Families are supported to make arrangements that suit their unique circumstances and minimise the use of the court system.

Outcomes

Graduates are qualified to:

- register as FDRPs with the Australian Government's Attorney-General's Department
- practise in the area of FDR under the Family Law Act (1975)
- issue S60I Certificates
- apply for accreditation under the National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS).

Modality

The course integrates online, self-paced learning with workshops and assessments that are delivered either online, in-person or through a combination of both (dependent on the enrolled intake).

Structure

One year, over 2 semesters.

Semester 1

Involves **self-paced online modules**, live and recorded monthly 2-hour **webinars**, and 6 full-day **skills workshops**.

Semester 2

A fully arranged and supported 50-hour work placement, in a service providing FDR to clients. Students are matched with a centre/service and an accredited FDRP supervisor. In a workplace environment, students are actively supervised to work with clients and undertake case support work.

5 x half-day placement seminars involving case presentations and discussions.

Students also undertake varied assessment tasks, independent reading and research to support learning throughout the year.

Discover what sets our course apart



Evidence-informed, experiential learning



Fully coordinated & supervised placement



Highly experienced, qualified facilitators



Nationally-recognised & accredited training



VET Student Loan-approved



Registered Training Organisation 21977



Delivered continuously since 2009



Informed by 75 years' service experience

'It was an incredibly valuable experience sitting in the room with clients, and putting all of those skills to use that we'd been taught for months.'

– 2021-2022 graduate

Learn more

Join a free, upcoming 'Learn More' webinar to meet our facilitators, learn about the course and ask questions to help decide if it's right for you.

rav.org.au/Grad-Dip-FDR

Relationships Australia Victoria

We are a specialised provider of family and relationship services, and a leading training provider with national and international experience.

Through our Centre for Learning and Innovation we provide research and evidence-led training, informed by over 75 years' service delivery experience.

Our extensive service suite includes counselling, couple and family therapy, family relationship support, conflict management, family dispute resolution, mediation, mental health services, family violence prevention, support and recovery programs and parenting education.

We deliver training across a broad range of topics related to these and other areas, as well as designing customised training solutions.

Intakes in 2025

1: Starts 12 February 2025
Online (Victorian local time).

2: Starts 19 February 2025
In-person in Victoria.

3: Starts 21 July 2025
Online (Victorian local time).

4: Starts 28 July 2025
In-person in New South Wales.

To register interest or find out more

Call (03) 8573 2222
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Units of competency

- **CCHCDFV001** Recognise and Respond Appropriately to Domestic and Family Violence
- **CHCDFV008** Manage Responses to Domestic and Family Violence in Family Work
- **CHCDFV013** Manage Domestic and Family Violence Screening and Risk Assessment Processes
- **CHCFAM001** Operate in a Family Law Environment
- **CHCFAM002** Work with a Child-Focused Approach
- **CHCFAM007** Assist Clients to Develop Parenting Arrangements
- **CHCDSP001** Facilitate Dispute Resolution in the Family Law Context
- **CHCDSP002** Adhere to Ethical Standards in Family Dispute Resolution
- **CHCDSP003** Support the Safety of Vulnerable Parties in Family Dispute Resolution
- **CHCPRP006** Lead Own Professional Development

Detailed course information, policies and procedures are available in our Registered Training Organisation Program Manual, available on our website.

Trainers

The Graduate Diploma is delivered by highly experienced and currently practising FDRPs, who have worked in a range of organisational and private practice contexts. Trainers have current training and assessment qualifications, and extensive and relevant industry experience.

Entry requirements

To enrol in this course, you must have **one or more** of the following:

- an undergraduate degree or higher qualification in psychology, social work, conflict management, law, dispute resolution, family law mediation or equivalent
- NMAS accreditation
- the mediation skill set from the Community Training Package
- evidence of dispute resolution experience in a job role involving:
 - self-directed application of knowledge with substantial depth in some areas
 - exercise of independent judgement and decision-making
 - a range of technical and other skills.

Fees

\$14,500 (payable by instalment).

VET Student Loans

This Graduate Diploma is an Australian Government VET Student Loan-approved course.

Applications

Register your interest for this course on our website.

We will then contact you with information on next steps and to organise an interview prior to being offered a place in the course.



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'The trainers were experts in the field and very willing to share their knowledge and encourage participation.' – 2021 graduate



Relationships Australia Victoria acknowledges First Nations peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands and waterways of Australia. We support their right to self-determination and culturally safe services.

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